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SPECIAL TROUT STOCKINGS BEGIN OCT. 19

INDIANOLA – The Iowa Department of Natural Resources will begin stocking trout at Summerset State Park around noon, on Oct. 19, when 1,800 rainbows are released in South Banner Lake. A total of 5,000 rainbow trout will be stocked in the central Iowa state park.

Beginning Oct. 21, the DNR will stock around 1,500 rainbow trout in Lake of the Hills in West Park Lake, near Davenport. Also on Oct. 21, around 1,500 rainbow trout will be divided among three Council Bluffs area lakes: West Big Lake, East Big Lake, and Lake Saganush.

“The Summerset trout fishery has been very popular with local residents so we decided to expand it to other urban areas,” said Marion Conover, chief of the DNR’s fisheries bureau. “Our hope is that it will introduce people to the fun and challenge of trout fishing, who may not have had the opportunity otherwise.”

The trout are from the Big Spring hatchery near Elkader. Anglers who want to fish for the trout are required to purchase the trout privilege for \$11 in addition to an Iowa fishing license. The daily bag limit for trout is five and the possession limit is 10.

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WORK CONTINUES TO IMPROVE NEW HARVEST REPORTING SYSTEM

DES MOINES - Successful hunters who are trying to report their harvest are either having problems with the voice recognition system or are not finding their license registration number that they need in order to register.

Reporting deer or turkey harvest is a new requirement this year. Successful hunters can report their harvest by either calling 1-800-771-4692, which is printed on the tag, or by going to www.iowadnr.com and clicking on the harvest reporting button on the right side of the webpage.

“We are working through some growing pains to make the system better. One thing hunters can do is to write their license registration number on a separate piece of paper so they have it in case they cannot read their number after tagging the animal,” said Dale Garner, chief of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources wildlife bureau.

The nine-digit number is located on the lower half of the tag, on the left side. It is always a nine-digit number, displayed as three groups of three numbers.

“The issue with the voice recognition system is that it was designed to recognize one number at a time. Some of our hunters are saying each three number group as one number. The system cannot recognize that and transfers them to an operator, which slows the process,” Garner said.

To report, hunters will need to provide the harvest registration number and the Iowa county where the animal was harvested. For deer, hunters will need to report the sex of the animal. For turkey, hunters will be asked if the animal was harvested on public or private land, the length of the beard and length of the spurs.

Hunters will receive a confirmation number that must be written on the transportation tag for the report to be considered complete. There is a box provided for the confirmation number on the tag, just below the license registration number. All the instructions are on the deer and turkey tags.

Hunters who harvest a deer or wild turkey must report the harvest to the DNR by midnight of the day after it is killed, before taking it to a locker, before processing it for consumption or before leaving the state. If no animal is harvested, no report is necessary.

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